

Weekly News

Friday 10 September 2021



Welcome back to a new year and a particular welcome to all the families who are joining us for the first time! It has been so lovely to see everyone arriving 'maskless' to school over the last week and to get back to doing some 'normal' things that we haven't been able to do for 18 months. Leading some assemblies this week was an absolute pleasure and some classes have also been able to play together on the playground already. While we are being relatively cautious regarding relaxing all the rules and returning completely to old routines, these small steps are very welcome in ensuring we feel like a whole school community. Over the next few weeks we will explore how we can create opportunities for parents to come in and share their child's learning with them in a way that hasn't been possible for so long. See the rest of this newsletter for other exciting projects and events that are taking place!

Diary Dates for the next two weeks:

Tuesday 14 September—**Y3/4 Hook Day**, no input from home required except permission to watch a PG film.

Tuesday 14 September—**Y1/2 Hook Day**, optional to dress up as a hero (superhero, police officer, firefighter, parent, author, footballer etc!)

Thursday 16 September—**Y5/6 Hook Day**, no input from home required except ensuring school PE kit is worn for astronaut training!

'Value Bands' for demonstrating determination have been awarded to...

Year 2— **William**

Year 3— **Albert**

Year 4— **Violet**

Year 5— **Isaac B**

Year 6— **Isla**

Well done to all of you!

Behaviour Awards

Year 2— **Danny**

Year 3— **Macy**

Year 4— **Henry C**

Year 5— **Layla**

Year 6— **Harrison**

Well done to all of you!

We are incredibly excited to be welcoming Martha Shrimpton (pictured opposite, a performing arts specialist from a charity called Artis, to our school every Wednesday for the whole of this year. She is **an actor/musician who will be leading sessions with the Y2-6 classes weekly** to improve their language and communication skills, boost their wellbeing and inspire their writing through music, dance and drama. We are privileged to have been able to benefit from this opportunity and Artis have secured half of the funding to enable the project to take place. Molly's café have kindly donated £500 towards our contribution and FOSCS are taking the lead on raising as much of the remaining cost as possible. Please support their efforts in any way you can either by suggesting fundraising events/grant opportunities, joining the committee or just attending any events they organise! I'm sure the children will come home excited after their first sessions next week!

Star Awards

Year 2— **Jemima** for having an amazing first week

Year 3— **Alfie T** for an excellent description of a setting

Year 4— **Ben** for being brave at lunchtime

Year 5— **Freddie** for great engagement and effort

Year 6— **Azalea** for wonderful use of partitioning in maths

Well done everyone!



With the changeable nature of the weather at the moment, please try and send your children to school prepared for anything! Sun hats and rain coats might both be required on any given day.

Thank you to everyone who has ensured that on PE days their children are wearing PE kit which complies with our uniform policy. It really makes a difference to the way the children present as a class!

Thank you SO much to Mr Alex Webb and his family for donating his valuable time and efforts to transform our tired and shabby arts room into a bright colourful and welcoming peer mentor room (see before and after photos below)! Thanks must also go to Mrs Abu-Rish who spent a long time clearing the room and opening the school during the holidays in Mr Roberts' absence!

Our new Year 6 peer mentors will be trained by a representative from 'Bucks Mind' soon and will be ready and eager to support all the pupil's mental health at play-times. They will also be holding events to raise money to pay for the materials needed to convert the room (above and beyond the money kindly donated by the Rothschild Foundation). In the meantime, if anyone were willing to buy and donate a washable primary coloured floor cushion or beanbag to help furnish the room and make it even more comfy, it would be very gratefully received!

